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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's office action dated March 18, 2003, Paper No. 5, and pursuant to the requirement to elect one species of support material from renumbered claim 4 for further prosecution, applicants hereby elect silica as the support material.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.